

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, undated, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. 1883? My dear Alec:

As I telegraphed today I am most anxious for many reasons to be in Washington as soon as possible. I am nervous about you, you are not well and are not taking care of yourself and I am very unhappy being so far from you. Every day counts when you are so irregular. You ought not to have any trouble with your heart, but once you have had it you will have it again on less provocation. I cannot bear to be away from you. If I felt you were quite well and taking care of yourself I should not mind the separation as it is I do very much. Then I am unhappy about the house and the decorators. We are spending a great deal of money on it, and it is just a wicked waste unless we are satisfied with the result and I must see that library wall and stop it if necessary. It is my house and not Mr. Johnstone's and I want it painted according to your ideas and mine. I want it to be our creation and nobody else?. Otherwise we might just as well go on hiring furnished houses all our days. If I come alone I don't mind being in the house, I was happier there the other week than I had been all summer before, if I bring the children couldn't we go to a hotel or perhaps find a room in that other house on the hill. Berta does not need me at all and doesn't mind my going.

Do telegraph for me to come on, and meanwhile for my sake be careful, careful, careful, CAREFUL.

Lovingly, Mabel.